



Sustainable Design  
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**Minnetonka Recreation Department  
Hilloway Park Renewal Project  
12/17/02 Citizens Meeting  
Thoughts, Concerns and Questions**

- I. Minnetonka Recreation Department to host Hilloway Park Stewards program. **Increase educational opportunities available to private landowners (techniques, chemical use, education) for their own property and to initiate volunteer removal program w/ Hilloway Park neighborhood on eradication.**
- II. Stop sign **petition** for blind spot at park entry on Hilloway Road **may be submitted to the City of Minnetonka Engineering Dept. for review and consideration.**
- III. West side of Byrnes Road attracts service people (UPS, FedEx) at lunchtime, and teenagers in the evening. People currently park on the park boundary. Provide **lighting**, signage, and a 3-4 car parallel parking bay.
- IV. Signage needed for north trail entry – confusion at Pine Island Road
- V. Trail connections – people get lost and don't know where to go when they exit onto Hilloway Road **Possible solution would be development of Hilloway Park and surrounding access trail map.**
- VI. Bollards can't block trail entries, staff need to be able to access trail, and have to be able to allow emergency vehicle access
- VII. Voice vote on approval of plan carried all in favor except one (approximately 20 in attendance)
- VIII. Resident opposing plan will hire a consultant to work **on with** the Minnetonka Recreation Department (MRD). Based on this review the MRD delayed the submittal of Hilloway Park Plan for Park Board approval from their January 2003 meeting until February 2003 meeting.
- IX. Resident opposing plan said he needed more information on the extent of clearing invasive species from the Hilloway Park Plan before he could support the initiative **and will be working with an independent consultant that he retains to review the City of Minnetonka concept plan. This independent review will not affect the planning process the City of Minnetonka is taking and will be used only for the individual's personal review & evaluation.**
- X. **Concept plan will be separated into two phases, short term and long term. Short term will involve immediate capital needs and improvements identified. Long-term improvements will require additional Capital Improvement Plan scheduling to coincide with the current Natural Resource Stewardship Plan.**
- XI. **This wasn't brought up at the meeting, but I would like to see a detail or profile of a solution to the problem with the southern trail access to remedy the steepness of that slope.**

